

SYSTEM AND METHOD TO SUBDURALLY LOCATE A CATHETER OR LEADABSTRACT

A tunneling tool forms a subdural pathway between a first incision and a second incision. This tool includes a shaft having a tunneling tip located at one end of the shaft. The tunneling tip is inserted through the first incision to tunnel the subdural pathway between the first incision and the second incision. A handle at the opposite end of the shaft guides the tunneling tip from the first incision to the second incision. A tapered slot in the shaft has a wide opening located opposite the tunneling tip and tapered sides that taper inwardly towards the tunneling tip. The wide opening receives an implantable line that the tapered sides secure to the tunneling tool. This allows the tunneling tool to be withdrawn along the subdural pathway to locate the line along the subdural pathway.